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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Weekly temperatures averaged near normal in the west and from one to four degrees above normal in the east. Scattered snows and light showers fell at the beginning of the week and again over the week end. The deepest snow accumulation was four inches at Chadron on Tuesday morning.

CROPS Weather conditions were generally favorable for field work; however, some fields remain too wet for machine operations. Precipitation on Sunday will further delay harvest operations.

Corn harvest progressed to 92 percent complete compared to 98 percent normal. Moisture content of the grain averages about 18 percent, thus most of the corn will need to be dried for safe storage.

A few fields of sorghum are still not harvested as wet fields and lodged stalks slowed combining. Corn and sorghum stalks are being pastured.

Wheat condition is good to excellent, but topsoils remained dry in portions of the Panhandle and southwest. Fields are being pastured as conditions permit.

Range and pasture feed conditions are average except for the northeast and portions of the southwest where they are below average. Ranchers have started supplemental feeding of cake on winter ranges. Intermittent moisture has kept most grasses soft and palatable.

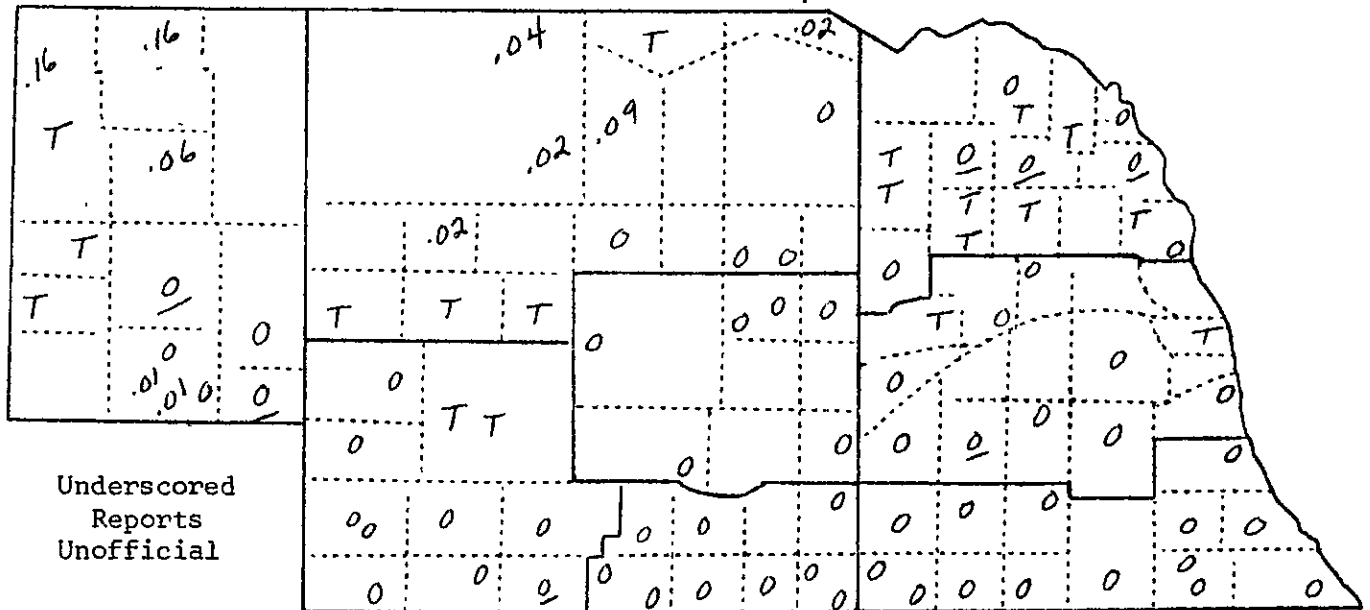
Feed grains, hay and forage supplies are mostly average except in the northeast and southwest.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition was mostly good, but cool damp weather on Sunday caused some discomfort. Demand for stocker and feeder cattle continues as field losses of corn and sorghum will provide considerable grain for livestock.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 1, 1968

| <u>East</u> | | <u>Central</u> | | <u>West</u> | |
|--------------|-----|----------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| Grand Island | .01 | Burwell | 0 | Chadron | .38 |
| Lincoln | .16 | North Platte | T | Imperial | 0 |
| Norfolk | .18 | Valentine | .04 | Scottsbluff | T |
| Omaha | .10 | | | Sidney | .01 |
| Sioux City | .05 | | | | |

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 29, 1968



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

| | | November | | | | | | | | | | | | December | |
|-----|--------------|----------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|-----|
| | | 25th | | 26th | | 27th | | 28th | | 29th | | 30th | | 1st | |
| | | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min |
| NW | Chadron | 47 | 26 | 36 | 8 | 44 | 25 | 42 | 11 | 40 | 17 | 49 | 28 | 37 | 24 |
| | Scottsbluff | 49 | 22 | 44 | 14 | 50 | 24 | 40 | 12 | 42 | 15 | 49 | 25 | 45 | 15 |
| | Sidney | 49 | 23 | 42 | 8 | 49 | 26 | 41 | 12 | 39 | 5 | 52 | 26 | 45 | 19 |
| NC | Burwell | 48 | 27 | 38 | 16 | 53 | 24 | 44 | 18 | 45 | 26 | 50 | 26 | 43 | -- |
| | Valentine | 48 | 31 | 35 | 16 | 45 | 27 | 41 | 18 | 44 | 23 | 52 | 17 | 38 | -- |
| NE | Norfolk | 49 | 32 | 38 | 19 | 49 | 24 | 43 | 19 | 44 | 25 | 48 | 33 | 35 | 29 |
| | Sioux City | 50 | 33 | 40 | 18 | 47 | 21 | 43 | 19 | 44 | 24 | 49 | 33 | 36 | 33 |
| CEN | Grand Island | 50 | 35 | 39 | 19 | 51 | 26 | 47 | 19 | 46 | 29 | 47 | 33 | 38 | 21 |
| EC | Lincoln | 55 | 35 | 40 | 22 | 44 | 28 | 46 | 23 | 44 | 30 | 47 | 34 | 37 | 33 |
| | Omaha | 51 | 34 | 45 | 21 | 42 | 26 | 41 | 19 | 41 | 30 | 47 | 32 | 35 | 32 |
| SW | Imperial | 55 | 28 | 41 | 8 | 54 | 25 | 45 | 14 | 45 | 10 | 48 | 10 | 48 | 18 |
| | North Platte | 53 | 30 | 40 | 12 | 50 | 29 | 47 | 13 | 44 | 30 | 47 | 16 | 47 | 15 |

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